

**Department:** Foreign Language  
**Course Name:** Spanish V Honors

**Course Description:**

The Honors Spanish V course is an advanced treatment of Spanish available to selected students after four years of study and to all students who have successfully completed Spanish IV. It serves as an introduction to college-level Spanish. Students in Honors Spanish V continue to develop their use of their language skills in more sophisticated areas as they explore literary and cultural topics, but they also devote time to basic vocabulary building and to the study of structural topics. This course is conducted entirely in Spanish.

**Content:**

Grammar

Perfect Tenses – Present and Past  
Conditional  
Past Subjunctive  
Si Clauses  
Present Perfect Subjunctive  
Future & Conditional Perfect  
Past Perfect Subjunctive  
Passive Voice  
Uses of “se”  
Prepositions: de, desde, en, entre, hasta & sin  
Uses of the infinitive

Vocabulary

Technology and science  
Jobs  
Pop culture  
Modes of communication  
Art  
Literature & art  
Politics  
Religion  
History & civilization

Culture

Selected Spanish-speaking countries  
El mate  
Pablo Neruda  
Pre-Columbian civilizations  
Machu Picchu  
Nahuatl literature  
Magical realism  
*Como Agua Para Chocolate*  
Machuca  
Apocalypso

**Skills:**

Speak comfortably at length and with accurate pronunciation in a conversational setting.

Listen more effectively and with greater comprehension.

Make accurate use of grammatical principles, even very detailed ones, when writing or speaking in Spanish.

Read excerpts or short stories about literature, folklore or contemporary non-fiction with a mature understanding of implied as well as literal meaning.

Learn new and more descriptive vocabulary while retaining a core body of basic words.

**Texts and Materials:**

Blanco, José, Senderos 5 Spanish for a Connected Word (Vista Higher Learning, 2018)

Selected readings

**Methods of Instruction:**

Conversational exchange: teacher-student or student-student

Direct explanation: lecture

Review, revision of homework activities

Discussion

Cooperative activities: partner dialogues, partner assignments

Games

Class Projects

Current Events

**Methods of Evaluation:**

Tests

Quizzes

Written Compositions

Oral Participation/Presentations